



Electronic Council Communication Information Package

Friday, December 12, 2025

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December 12, 2025

Members of Council

City of Cambridge
City of Kitchener
City of Waterloo
Township of North Dumfries
Township of Wellesley
Township of Wilmot
Township of Woolwich
Region of Waterloo

Good afternoon:

Waterloo Region is embarking on a new chapter for health and prosperity as each of the eight local Councils prepare to be One Million Ready by 2050. Through the implementation of our Multi-Year Facilities Redevelopment Master Plan, the Waterloo Regional Health Network (WRHN) is aligned with your goals to create critical infrastructure, bolster economic prosperity, and ensure a world class quality of life for all who choose to call this place home.

As you are aware, at the Waterloo Regional Council meeting of August 27, 2025, a motion was passed addressing a number of actions to be taken in the development of a Regional Health Infrastructure Capital Plan. At the December 19 All Councils meeting, WRHN and Cambridge Memorial Hospital (CMH) will provide a status update and progress made to date in collaboration with your Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs). We are also pleased to provide an update specifically on WRHN's Master Plan with a focus on Waterloo Region's new hospital being built @ The University site. This project is the centrepiece of WRHN's Master Plan, which also includes future expansion at Chicopee (formerly GRH Freeport) and renovations at Midtown (formerly GRH KW Site).

Beginning in April of this year, our team has been working with your CAOs on early planning for the implementation of the Master Plan with a focus on the new hospital building project and a

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strategy for the Local Share Plan. CMH has also participated in that work since September.

The new hospital project is in the planning stage of the Ministry of Health's Capital Planning and Approval Process. While our planning and discussions with the Provincial Government are positive, we are not at a stage where we have finalized the project costs, aligned with Infrastructure Ontario's procurement approach. In addition, the hospital has a legal agreement with the Provincial Government which requires us to maintain legislative and fiscal accountability as part of the procurement and tendering process. Our commitment to you is that we will provide the projected project costs once they have been established with the Ministry of Health.

Waterloo Region's new hospital is positioned to deliver far-reaching value well beyond its walls. It will improve health and experience outcomes for patients, families, and care teams by creating spaces that are welcoming, efficient, and supportive of wellbeing. It will strengthen the regional economy, with benefits captured locally through job creation, investment, and growth. It will provide measurable sustainability and resilience impacts, ensuring lasting returns for people and the environment. And it aligns seamlessly with the shared strategic objectives of each of your Councils and the Province of Ontario.

We look forward to providing you with an update on this generational project at the December 19th All Councils meeting.

Sincerely,

Ron Gagnon
President and Chief Executive Officer
Waterloo Regional Health Network

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Office of the City Clerk, City Hall
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December 11, 2025

Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
MP Emma Harrison;
MPP Dave Smith;
Dr. Piggott, Medical Officer of Health;
Stuart Betts, Peterborough Police Chief;
Chris Snetsinger, Peterborough Fire Chief;
Patricia Bromfield, Peterborough EMS Chief;
All Local School Board Chairs;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Canadian Municipalities; and
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Elect Respect

The following resolution, adopted by City Council at their meeting on November 3, 2025, is forwarded for your information:

Whereas democracy is healthy when everyone is able to participate fully and safely and contribute to the well-being of their community; and

Whereas we are witnessing the dissolution of democratic discourse and respectful debate across all levels of government and in neighbouring jurisdictions; and

Whereas Ontario's municipally elected officials and municipal staff are dealing with increasingly hostile, unsafe work environments facing threats and harassment; and

Whereas social media platforms have exacerbated disrespectful dialogue, negative commentary, and toxic engagement which disincentivizes individuals, especially women and candidates from diverse backgrounds from running for office; and

Whereas better decisions are made when democracy is respectful and constructive and the voices of diverse genders, identities, ethnicities, races, sexual orientation, ages and abilities are heard and represented around municipal council tables; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified concerning trends with fewer people voting in local elections and running for municipal office; and

Whereas in 2024, female elected representatives from across Halton formed a group called H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives) which pledged to speak out against



harassment and negativity in politics and called on elected officials to uphold the highest standards of conduct; and

Whereas H.E.R. Halton has launched a campaign called Elect Respect to promote the importance of healthy democracy and safe, inclusive, respectful work environments for all elected officials and municipal staff that encourages individuals to participate in the political process.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the City of Peterborough supports the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

- Treat others with respect in all spaces—public, private, and online
- Reject and call out harassment, abuse, and personal attacks,
- Focus debate on ideas and policies, not personal attacks,
- Help build a supportive culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office,
- Call on relevant authorities to ensure the protection of elected officials who face abuse or threats, and
- Model integrity and respect by holding one another to the highest standards of conduct; and

Be It Further Resolved That the City of Peterborough calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the Elect Respect campaign and sign the online pledge at www.electrespect.ca; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be sent to the:

Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, MP Emma Harrison, MPP Dave Smith, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing of Ontario Rob Flack, the Peterborough Police Chief, Peterborough Fire Chief, Peterborough EMS Chief, Medical Officer of Health, all local school board chairs and all Ontario Municipalities.

AND Be It Further Resolved That the City's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisor be engaged in the implementation and communication of this initiative, and that staff explore opportunities to better integrate their expertise into Council's ongoing efforts to promote a safe, inclusive, and respectful civic environment

Sincerely,


John Kennedy,
City Clerk

December 5, 2025

[Send via email](#)

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Re: Provincial Decision on Automated Speed Enforcement

On November 25, 2025, the County of Brant Council directed staff to prepare a letter in alignment with the City of Brampton's Council Resolution C230-2025 outlining the County's concerns with the provincial decision to ban ASE. The original text was amended to align with the County of Brant's program and experiences and to reflect that the ban has been approved.

Whereas on May 30, 2017, the Province of Ontario passed the *Safer School Zones Act, 2017* (Bill 65), amending the *Highway Traffic Act* (HTA) to permit municipalities to adopt Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technology on roads with speed limits under 80 km/h in school and community safety zones; and

Whereas enabling regulations came into effect on December 1, 2019, granting municipalities the authority to implement ASE and other tools to enhance safety in these areas and since this time municipalities across Ontario have adopted these programs; and

Whereas the Province's ASE legislative framework, together with provincial encouragement in 2019, has led municipalities such as the County of Brant to implement ASE technology to improve safety, reduce speeding, and prevent serious collisions and fatalities; and

Whereas the Provincial government, through the Ministry of Transportation, is responsible for the legislation, regulations and program standards governing municipal ASE programs; and

Whereas some municipalities have implemented ASE inconsistently and in contrast to recommended guidelines, the County of Brant is part of the vast majority of municipalities who have implemented best practices endorsed by the Ministry of Transportation and the Ontario Traffic Council - including speed thresholds - that prioritize public safety, resulting in safer roads; and

Whereas the County of Brant proactively developed a Road Safety Reserve Fund to ensure any revenue collected from the program is reinvested into traffic calming and safety initiatives; and

Whereas consistent with local, regional, national and international research by third parties including [Sick Kids & Toronto Metropolitan University](#), the [Canadian Automobile Association](#), the [Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police](#), the [Traffic Injury Research Foundation](#), and the [Ontario Traffic Council](#); and

Whereas the County of Brant's ASE program has resulted in significant reductions in speed, increased speed compliance in community safety zones, and changes in driver behaviour as outlined in the September 29, 2025, [RPT-0365-25 - Concern with Proposed Ban of Automated Speed Enforcement and associated presentation](#); and

Whereas between February and August 2025, only three percent of vehicles passing the device received a ticket, demonstrating how the program prioritizes enforcing significant offences and illustrates that County of Brant's existing threshold is both reasonable and aligned with best practices; and

Whereas, in the first eight months of implementation, the County observed significant positive impacts associated with ASE, including measurable speed reductions, with the prevalence of speeding dropping from 45% to 35% from February to August; and

Whereas between 20% and 30% of ASE ticket revenue is collected by the Province of Ontario; and

Whereas the County of Brant engaged with the community and introduced the Brant Safe Streets Strategy in 2019, focusing on improving road safety through enforcement, education, engineering, and other innovative solutions; and

Whereas the County of Brant is working to improve road safety and uphold its commitment to the [Brant Safe Streets Strategy](#) through the ASE program and complementary traffic-calming measures such as speedbumps/humps, roundabouts, and improved signage, in order to reduce speeds, prevent collisions, and promote lawful driving behaviour; and

Whereas despite clear evidence and proven results from municipalities, such as the County of Brant, the County was caught off guard by the Premier's sudden announcement to cancel ASE programs across the province, made without adequate notice and consultation; and

Whereas a preliminary estimate of private sector investment by companies delivering ASE solutions indicates the creation of 62 jobs and \$14 million of investment in the province; and

Whereas the Premier believes some municipalities have misused ASE; but that is no reason to shut down municipal ASE programs that have proven successful at changing driver behaviour and improving public safety; and

Whereas the Premier's concerns regarding ASE can be addressed through amendments to provincial legislation, regulations and program standards that enable municipalities to consistently use ASE, without an outright ban on the technology; and

Whereas the County of Brant's ASE program was considered best-practice and that the Premier should consider reversing the ban and meeting with Mayor David Bailey and other municipal leaders to develop improved provincial legislation, regulations and program standards related to the ASE program; and



Whereas it is reckless to abandon what works, and essential to maintain a program that preserves public safety, and, especially, at a very minimum, safety in school locations; and

Whereas, with the implementation of the ban, municipalities should receive funding from the province to reimburse the costs of the program and employ alternate traffic calming measures through the Road Safety Initiatives Fund.

Therefore, be it resolved that:

That the County of Brant Council formally opposes the Province's decision to abruptly cancel ASE, a public safety tool enabled through provincial regulations in December 2019; and,

That this resolution be sent as a letter from Council to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, local MPPs, all Ontario municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP), and the Ontario Traffic Council, to convey the County's concerns with the ban and encourage the Province to reconsider the direction; and

That the County of Brant encourages that the Premier meet with municipal leaders and industry experts to determine a consistent and effective approach to ASE across municipalities that utilizes best practices to uphold the public safety benefits; and,

That the County of Brant encourages the province to use the Road Safety Initiatives Fund to reimburse municipalities for all costs incurred to implement the ASE program and implement additional traffic calming measures; and,

That staff be directed to continue monitoring speeding and traffic data in zones where ASE was previously employed to evaluate the impacts of the ASE program; and,

That staff be directed to prepare a report to Council in the future outlining the impacts of the ASE program and how the ban of these devices has influenced the prevalence of speeding in the zones; and

That staff be directed to continue monitoring developments and announcements surrounding ASE and advance advocacy efforts consistent with this letter.

Sincerely,

Mayor David Bailey on behalf of County of Brant Council



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RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 333

DECEMBER 10, 2025

Moved by: Brad Kneller

Seconded by: Bill Bishop

WHEREAS staff submitted an application for Invest Ready-Certified Site Designation, which was denied due to the absence of water, wastewater, and natural gas infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS staff subsequently met with representatives of the associated grant funding program, who advised that additional funding opportunities for rural communities would be forthcoming;

AND WHEREAS the Site Readiness Program for Industrial Properties has since been launched, with eligibility requirements stipulating that any missing infrastructure must be in place and serviceable within two years of acceptance into the grant funding program;

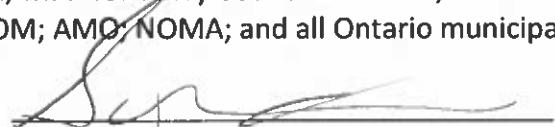
AND WHEREAS it is not financially feasible nor in the best interest of our ratepayers to install full municipal water, wastewater, and natural gas services, as the associated capital and operating costs would impose an undue financial burden on the Municipality's ratepayers;

AND WHEREAS alternative servicing solutions commonly used in rural and northern Ontario—such as properly designed and maintained septic systems for wastewater, drilled wells for drinking water, and propane or hydro for heat—are proven, reliable, and effective forms of infrastructure that can safely and efficiently support industrial and commercial development;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan urges the Province of Ontario to revise its grant funding criteria to recognize and accept these alternative servicing methods as eligible infrastructure, and to ensure that rural and northern municipalities lacking municipal gas, water, and wastewater systems are not excluded from support;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford; the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; the Honourable Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; the Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP for Parry Sound–Muskoka; the Honourable Scott Aitchison, MP for Parry Sound–Muskoka; FONOM; AMO; NOMA; and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried 1 Defeated _____ Deferred _____


Sam Dunnett, Mayor

Recorded Vote Called by: _____

Recorded Vote

Member of Council	Yea	Nay	Absent
Bishop, Bill			
Hetherington, John			
Hind, Jon			
Kneller, Brad			
Mayor: Dunnett, Sam			



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December 11, 2025

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Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Opposition to Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their December 1, 2025, Regular Council Meeting:

496-2025

Moved By: Ted Oke

Seconded by: Wendy McLeod-Haggitt

That South Huron Council supports the November 17, 2025 resolution of Town of Kingsville regarding Opposition to Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities; and

That the supporting resolution and originating documentation be circulated to the Premier, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Thompson, AMCTO, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

Result: Carried

I have attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator

Municipality of South Huron

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Encl.

cc: Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Hon. Todd J. McCarthy, todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Rob Flack, rob.flack@pc.ola.org; MPP, Hon. Lisa Thompson, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org; AMCTO, amcto@amcto.com; AMO, resolutions@amo.on.ca; and all Ontario Municipalities



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November 19, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Public Input Coordinator
Via Email: ca.office@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Opposition to Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities

Please be advised that at its Regular Meeting held Monday, November 17, 2025, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kingsville passed the following resolution respecting the matter referenced in the above subject line:

195-11172025

Moved By: Councillor Neufeld
Seconded By: Councillor Patterson

Whereas the Conservation Authorities Act, 1990 (the "Act"), originally enacted in 1946, was established to allow municipalities to form conservation authorities that are equipped to develop and deliver local, watershed-based conservation, restoration and natural resource management programs on behalf of the province and municipalities;

And whereas there are thirty-six (36) conservation authorities in Ontario, each of which is distinct and reflects the unique environmental, geographic and community needs of its watershed;

And whereas on October 31, 2025, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks announced the Government's intention to introduce legislation which would amend the Act to create the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency and consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into seven (7) regional conservation authorities.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kingsville:

- Wishes to formally state that it opposes the consolidation of Ontario's conservation authorities without knowing the full financial and operational impact to municipalities and the conservation authorities; and,

- Directs the Acting Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Todd McCarthy, the Honourable Rob Flack, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex, Lisa Gretzky, MPP Windsor West, Andrew Dowie, MPP Windsor-Tecumseh, Trevor Jones, MPP Chatham-Kent-Leamington, AMCTO, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.

Please accept this correspondence as an official confirmation of Council's decision with respect to the same. Any questions may be directed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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cc. Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex
Lisa Gretzky, MPP, Windsor West
Andrew Dowie, MPP, Windsor-Tecumseh
Trevor Jones, MPP, Chatham-Kent-Leamington
Essex Region Conservation Authority
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The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 5.4.1.
Resolution Number 2025-284
Title: Support Items 5.3 #1, 3, 4, 5 and 12 from November 19, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council - Extend Deadline for the Fire Certification
Date: December 3, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Lachance
Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 343/22 mandates that firefighters performing specific fire protection services be certified to a prescribed standard by July 1, 2026, with certain technical rescue disciplines requiring certification by July 1, 2028;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality recognizes and supports the value of the certification requirements mandated by the Province of Ontario, acknowledging that standardized training enhances firefighter safety, service quality, and public trust;

AND WHEREAS the Office of the Fire Marshall (OFM) and the Ontario Fire College (OFC) are actively working to provide training and certification programs, including offering over 600 courses annually, yet some certification programs and testing resources remain under development or are not yet widely accessible, particularly in the Ontario Seal Programs;

AND WHEREAS many fire departments in Ontario are staffed predominantly by volunteer firefighters who balance full-time employment with their emergency service commitments;

AND WHEREAS the certification programs are still in development and the current availability does not adequately reflect the operational realities of volunteer fire departments, especially in rural communities, where training opportunities are limited and certification demands place undue pressure on personnel and municipal resources;

AND WHEREAS when firefighter certification was first introduced in 2018, smaller / rural municipalities raised concerns that they do not provide the same level of fire protection services as larger municipalities or urban centres. The Province responded thoughtfully by introducing new legislation to allow municipalities to certify firefighters only to the services they actually provide. This flexibility is appreciated and reflects a fair and practical approach, however, training programs for many of these service-specific certifications are still not available;

AND WHEREAS it is unreasonable to expect volunteer firefighters - who already balance full-time employment and community service - to independently develop curriculums and training programs in-house to meet provincial standards and adequately prepare them for certification exams;

AND WHEREAS smaller rural volunteer fire departments often lack the necessary resources, certified personnel, and specialized expertise to independently develop training curriculums or qualify for learning contracts with the Ontario Fire College;

AND WHEREAS these departments have long relied on the Ontario Fire College's course offerings and have been patiently awaiting the release of the Ontario Seal Programs, having noted preliminary pilot

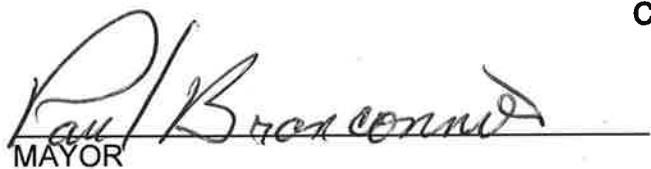
initiatives in Northern Ontario and anticipating a broader rollout of these programs in the near future;
AND WHEREAS rural municipalities would welcome the opportunity to engage in dialogue with the Office of the Fire Marshall to address current barriers and explore collaborative solutions;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of the Solicitor General and the Office of the Fire Marshall, extend the compliance deadlines outlined in Ontario Regulation 343/22 to a minimum of two (2) years beyond the final release date of the Ontario Seal Programs offered in the regulation for all affected certification categories;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province consider implementing a phased or regionally adaptive approach to certification deadlines, taking into account the availability of training programs and the unique challenges faced by volunteer fire services in Rural Ontario;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Ontario Fire Marshall, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (OAFC), our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP), and all Ontario municipalities for support and endorsement.

CARRIED



Paul Brannon
MAYOR

December 9, 2025

The Honourable Todd J. McCarthy
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
CollegePark, 5th Floor
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Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Honourable Minister McCarthy,

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed by the Council of the Town of Ingersoll at its meeting held on December 8, 2025:

Moved by Councillor Bowman
Seconded by Councillor Hutson

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ingersoll receives the correspondence from the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority regarding Bill 68 as information;

AND WHEREAS the Conservation Authorities Act (1946) enables municipalities to establish local conservation authorities, and when municipalities choose to form such authorities, they assume responsibility for governance and funding through the appointment of a Board of Directors and the provision of an annual levy to cover expenses;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Ingersoll established the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority with other consenting municipalities within the watershed. (initially formed in 1947)

AND WHEREAS local municipalities currently provide approximately 35% of total conservation authority funding, while the Province of Ontario provides approximately 2% (2026 budget);

AND WHEREAS municipalities have governed and invested local rate payer funds in their respective conservation authorities for decades, tailoring programs and services to local watershed needs, maintaining accountable service standards, and ensuring fair and predictable costs for ratepayers;

AND WHEREAS conservation authorities collectively own and manage thousands of acres of land. Many of these properties were entrusted to the

UTRCA for long-term protection, stewardship, and the public good, with the expectation that such lands would be cared for by locally governed conservation authorities;

AND WHEREAS Bill 68 (Schedule 3) proposes the creation of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, a Crown corporation that would assume governance responsibilities and consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into seven regional authorities, with municipal cost apportionment yet to be defined;

AND WHEREAS the Province already possesses the authority to establish overarching legislation, regulations, and standards through the Conservation Authorities Act and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Town of Ingersoll calls on the Government of Ontario to maintain local, independent, municipally governed, watershed-based conservation authorities to ensure strong local representation in decisions related to municipal levies, community-focused service delivery, and the protection and management of conservation lands;

AND FURTHER THAT while the Town of Ingersoll supports provincial goals towards consistent permit approval processes, shared services, and digital modernization. It does not support it through imposing a new top-down agency structure creating unnecessary cost, red tape, and bureaucracy, undermining efficiency and responsiveness to local community needs;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Ingersoll supports efforts to balance expertise, capacity, and program delivery across the province, and requests that the Province work collaboratively with municipalities and local conservation authorities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province respect the roles that Municipalities and Conservation Authorities play in conservation and governance;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- The Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks;
- local MPPs;
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association;
- area Indigenous communities;
- all municipalities;

- Conservation Authorities; and
- Conservation Ontario.

Kind regards,



Julie Clayton

Julie Clayton, Deputy Clerk
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cc: Ernie Hardeman, Member of Provincial Parliament for Oxford
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
Area Indigenous Communities
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Motion Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA)

From Tracy Bowes

Date Wed 2025-12-10 1:47 PM

To Tracy Bowes

Cc

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Good afternoon,

The following motion was passed at the Council meeting held on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 -

Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) -

Motion #25-120

WHEREAS the Conservation Authorities Act (1946) enables municipalities to establish local conservation authorities, and when municipalities choose to form such authorities, they assume responsibility for governance and funding through the appointment of a Board of Directors and the provision of an annual levy;

AND WHEREAS local municipalities established the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority in 1966, and currently provide approximately 50% of total conservation authority funding, while the Province of Ontario provides approximately 3%;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have governed their respective conservation authorities for decades, tailoring programs and services to local watershed needs, maintaining accountable services standards, and ensuring fair and predictable costs for ratepayers;

AND WHEREAS Bill 68 (Schedule 3) and ERO posting 025-1257 proposes to consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into seven regional authorities and create the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, a Crown agency that would assume oversight over conservation authorities and have the ability to levy authorities to cover its costs;

AND WHEREAS the Province already possesses the authority to establish overarching legislation, regulations, standards and policies across all conservation authorities through the Conservation Authorities Act and the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Perth calls on the Government of Ontario to maintain local, independent, municipally governed, watershed-based conservation authorities to ensure strong local representation in decisions related to municipal levies, community focused service delivery, and the protection and management of conservation lands;

AND FURTHER THAT while the Council of the Town of Perth supports provincial goals for consistent permit approval processes, shared services and digital modernization, imposing a new top-down agency structure without strong local accountability and governance risks creating unnecessary cost, red tape, and bureaucracy, thereby undermining efficiency and responsiveness to local community needs;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Perth supports efforts to balance expertise, capacity and program delivery across the province, and requests that the province work collaboratively with municipalities and local conservation authorities to determine the most effective level of strategic consolidation to achieve both provincial and local objectives;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, to the local MP(s) and MPP(s), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, the local conservation authority(s), and all municipalities in Ontario

Tracy Bowes

Deputy Clerk

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December 5, 2025

*Honourable Doug Ford,
Premier of Ontario*

Re: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls passed the following resolution at their December 1, 2025 Council meeting:

WHEREAS the Town of Smiths Falls acknowledges that municipal infrastructure—roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems—underpins public safety, economic vitality and quality of life in Ontario’s rural and small urban communities;

WHEREAS the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) was created in 2015 to assist small and rural municipalities facing infrastructure deficits that exceed their local revenue capacities;

WHEREAS in 2022 the Government of Ontario committed to increase the annual OCIF envelope from \$100 million to \$400 million over a five-year term, with that commitment scheduled to expire at the end of fiscal 2026;

WHEREAS fixed funding levels amid rising labour, materials and climate resilience costs have eroded the purchasing power of the \$400 million envelope, jeopardizing municipalities’ ability to deliver and sustain essential services without incurring unsustainable debt;

WHEREAS predictable, multi-year funding indexed to real-world cost drivers is critical for municipalities to develop, finance and execute long-term asset management plans, reduce emergency repairs and leverage complementary federal and private infrastructure financing;



WHEREAS the Town of Smiths Falls requires a steadfast provincial partner to extend and enhance OCIF beyond 2026, ensuring infrastructure resilience, fiscal sustainability and equitable access for all small and rural municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1. The Town of Smiths Falls calls upon the Government of Ontario to extend the annual OCIF envelope at not less than \$400 million beyond its current five-year term ending in 2026, with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets.*
- 2. The Province be requested to index the total annual OCIF envelope—and each individual municipal allocation—to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated on a calendar-year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each fiscal year.*
- 3. The Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual envelopes and allocation percentages by municipality, enabling long-term capital planning and stable cash-flow management.*
- 4. The Province undertake a formal review of the OCIF allocation formula at least once every four years, incorporating current municipal asset management data, demographic projections, climate resilience metrics and rural equity considerations.*
- 5. A dedicated contingency reserve equal to 5 percent of the annual OCIF envelope be created within the fund to address extraordinary cost escalations, emergency repairs or project overruns without reallocating core funding.*
- 6. The Ministry of Infrastructure publish an annual OCIF performance report—including program disbursements, allocation adjustments and reserve expenditures—in a transparent, publicly accessible online dashboard.*



7. *The Clerk of the Town of Smiths Falls forward this resolution to:*
 - o The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario*
 - o The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure*
 - o The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing*
 - o The Honourable Francois-Phillipe Champagne, Minister of Finance*
 - o Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)*
 - o Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM)*
 - o Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)*
 - o All municipalities in Ontario*

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and/or concerns.

Yours truly,

Kerry Costello
Town Clerk



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Date: May 29, 2025

#: 2025- 213

Moved by: Bob Lissner

Seconded by: Tommy McPolley

That Council receives correspondence item 11.2 from the Town of Mattawa regarding Strong Mayor Powers as information; and

That Council supports the Town of Mattawa resolution 25-95 and also states the following:

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario announced an expansion of strong mayor powers to an additional 169 municipalities that took effect May 1, 2025;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills was included in the additional 169 municipalities that gained such powers;

AND WHEREAS these powers allow mayors to unilaterally override council decisions, appoint senior municipal staff, and set budgets without majority council approval, undermining the principles of democratic governance;

AND WHEREAS municipal governance functions best through a collaborative decision-making process where elected councils, representing the collective voice of their communities, work alongside experienced municipal staff and the proposed powers has raised significant concerns regarding the centralization of power, erosion of local democracy, reduced accountability and the potential for the abuse of power;

AND WHEREAS there is no evidence to suggest that strong mayor powers have increased housing starts, contrary to the provincial government's stated justification for their implementation;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has raised concerns that strong mayor powers blur the lines between political leadership and administration expertise, threatening the neutrality of municipal public service;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills has a long history of collaborative, transparent and accountable local governance built upon a foundation of Council debated and shared decision-making;

AND WHEREAS a growing number of municipalities and elected officials across Ontario are questioning the appropriateness of the strong mayor system and are calling for its reconsideration or appeal.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills opposes the expansion of strong mayor powers and formally request that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove the Township of Minden Hills from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers under the designated legislation.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities.

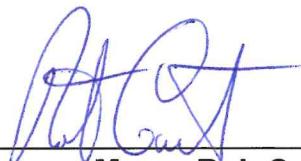
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Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	For	Against	Absent
Mayor Bob Carter		✓	
Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell	✓		
Councillor Tammy McKelvey	✓		
Councillor Ivan Ingram	✓		
Councillor Shirley Johannessen	✓		
Councillor Pam Sayne	✓		
Councillor Bob Sisson	✓		



Mayor Bob Carter